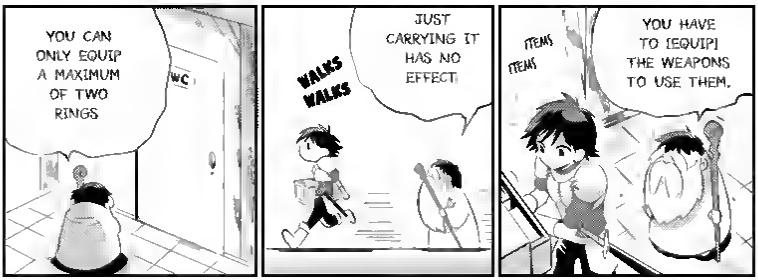
THE GUY WHO TEACHES NEWBIES THE BASICS OF THE GAME,
AKA "TUTOGRAMPS".
TUTORIAL GRANDPA.


YOU CAN ONLY EQUIP A MAXIMUM OF TWO RINGS
WC
WALKS WALKS
JUST CARRYING IT HAS NO EFFECT!
ITEMS ITEMS
YOU HAVE TO [EQUIP] THE WEAPONS TO USE THEM.

BY WEARING AN ACCESSORY, YOU EARN ONE OF SEVERAL EFFECTS. FOR EXAMPLE, INCREASING YOUR STAMINA OR SPEEDING UP REGENERATION. IF YOU CHANGE THE TYPE OF WEAPON, THE TYPE OF SKILL YOU CAN USE ALSO CHANGES. ALL WEAPONS HAVE SOMETHING CALLED "SUPERIOR WEAPON," WHICH MAKES YOU ABLE TO USE HIGHER RANKED SKILLS. YOU CANNOT THROW AWAY IMPORTANT ITEMS. IF YOU THROW AWAY AN ITEM OR A WEAPON, IT WILL DISAPPEAR AFTER A MOMENT, SO WATCH OUT THERE ARE OTHER WAYS OF USING A POTION BESIDES DRINKING IT...
YEAH, I KNOW.
...

FREE TO A GOOD HOME
この世界がゲームだと俺だけが知っている
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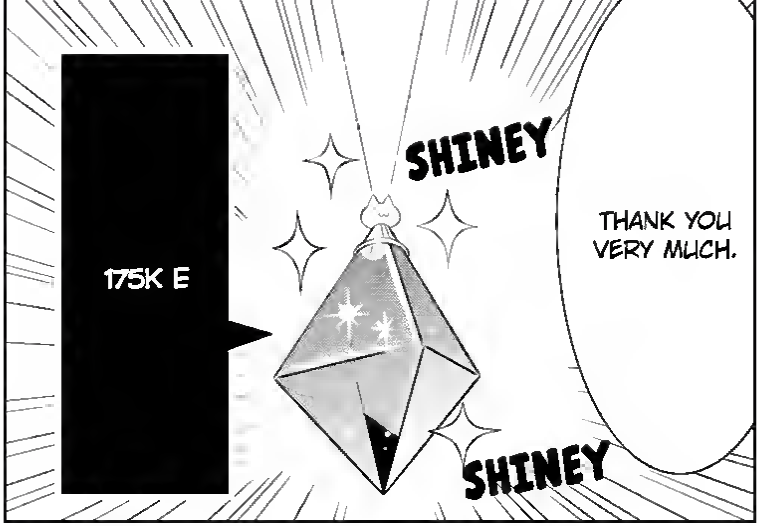
175K E
SHINEY
SHINEY
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

WORKING
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ME, AFTER SELLING "MELIPE'S TREASURE" AT THE ITEM SHOP.
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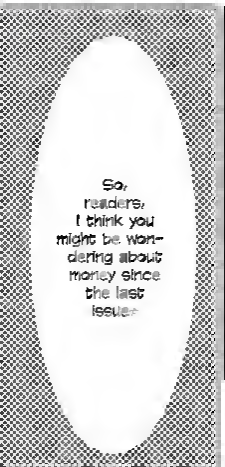
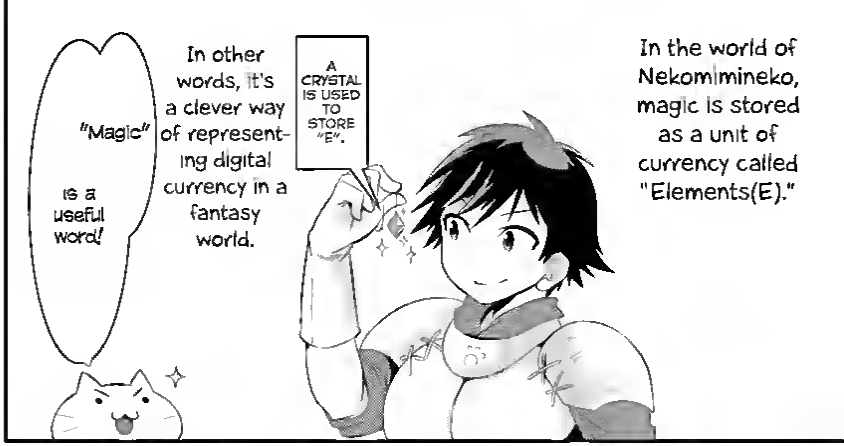
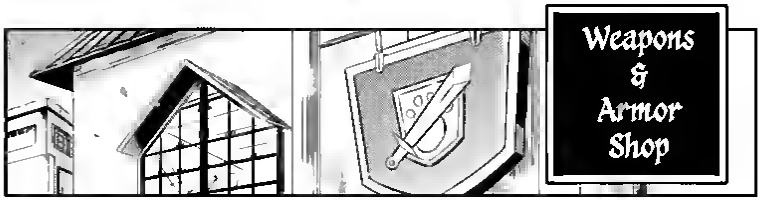
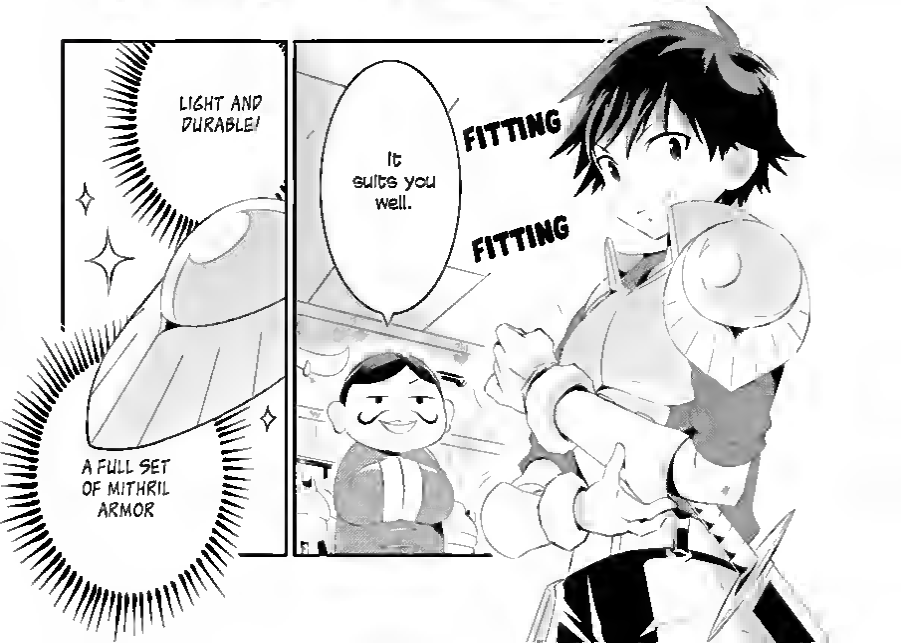

So, readers, I think you might be wondering about money since the last issue.

WHY AM I EVEN THINKING OF THE INN AS A STANDARD?
NOW THAT I HAVE 175K?
HMMM
HOW MANY TIMES CAN I STAY IN THE INN...
I can buy whatever I want!

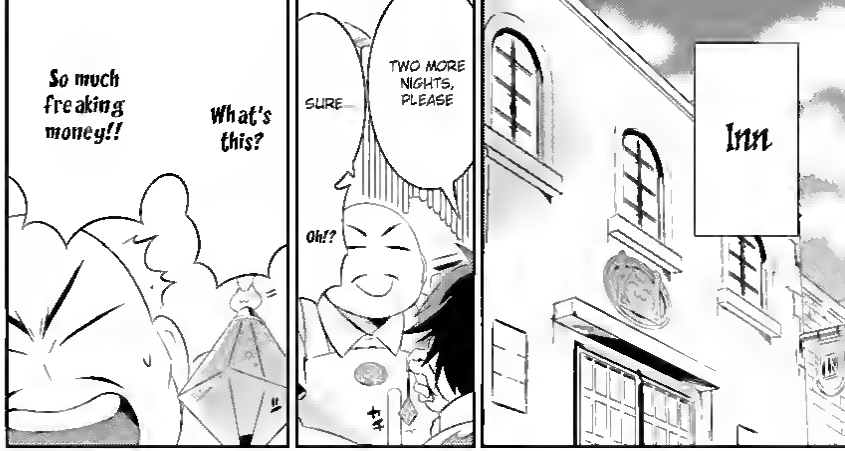
JUST RECENTLY, I HAD ONLY 100 E, BUT NOW...

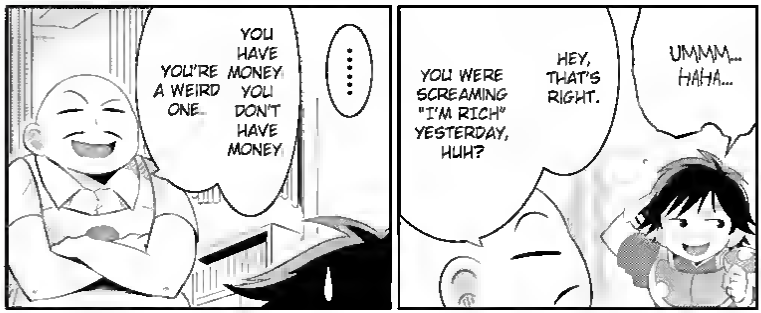

In the world of Nekomimineko, magic is stored as a unit of currency called "Elements(E)."
A CRYSTAL IS USED TO STORE "E".
In other words, it's a clever way of representing digital currency in a fantasy world.
"Magic" is a useful word!


Weapons & Armor Shop


LIGHT AND DURABLE!
A FULL SET OF MITHRIL ARMOR
It suits you well.
FITTING
FITTING

IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO PURCHASE—
...OH.
And I'm still Level 1!!!
IT'S DEFINITELY THE STRONGEST ARMOR YOU CAN GET IN THE CITY OF LAMRICK!
OH.
HUH?
...THAT WORN OUT ARMOR?
SHALL I TAKE CARE OF...
I'M GOOD.
NAH.
.....


So much freaking money!!
What's this?
SURE...
TWO MORE NIGHTS, PLEASE
Oh!?
Inn


YOU'RE A WEIRD ONE...
YOU HAVE MONEY. YOU DON'T HAVE MONEY.
.....
YOU WERE SCREAMING "I'M RICH" YESTERDAY, HUH?
HEY, THAT'S RIGHT.
UMMM... HAHA...

IT'S NOT AT ALL WEIRD FOR A BROKE GUY TO SUDDENLY BECOME RICH
TRUE... IN THE WORLD OF NEKOMI-MINEKO,
SINCE THERE ARE QUESTS, DUNGEONS, AND TREASURE HUNTS EVERYWHERE
CONGRATULATIONS, SOMA! CAN'T LEAVE YOU ALONE, HUH?
YOU PROBABLY GOT IT ALL FROM A DUNGEON, RIGHT?

THERE IS A REASON
I GUESS I'LL CLEAN UP FIRST.
THERE WE GO.
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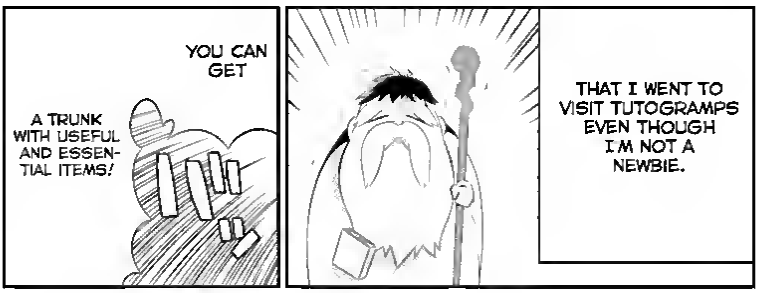
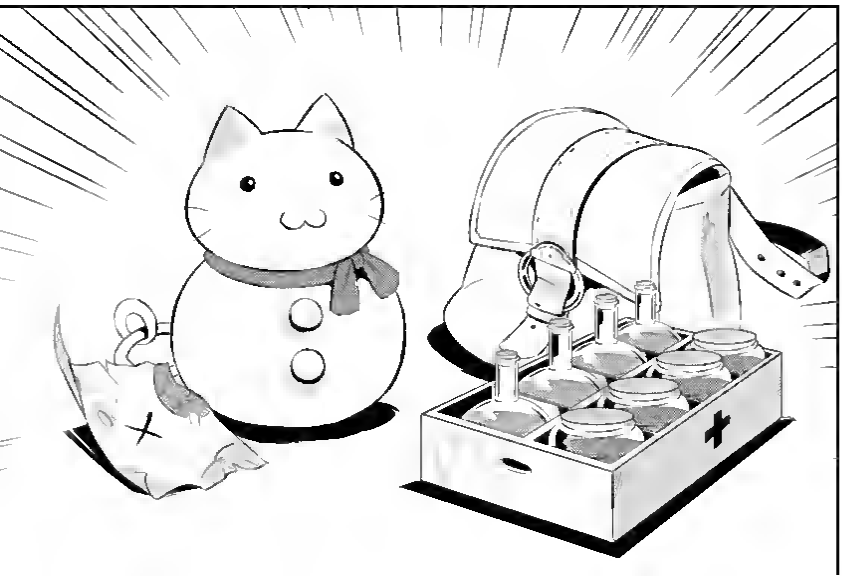
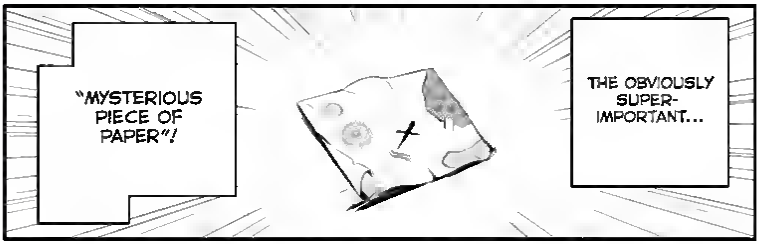
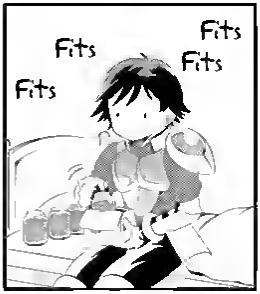

YOU CAN GET
A TRUNK WITH USEFUL AND ESSENTIAL ITEMS!
THAT I WENT TO VISIT TUTOGRAMPS EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT A NEWBIE.



A COOLER BOX!
AND...
AN ADVEN-TURER'S BAG!
FIRST-AID ITEMS


"MYSTERIOUS PIECE OF PAPER"!
THE OBVIOUSLY SUPER-IMPORTANT...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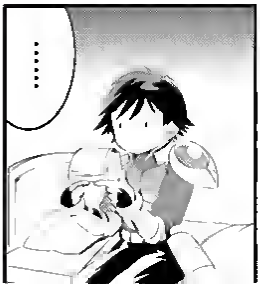
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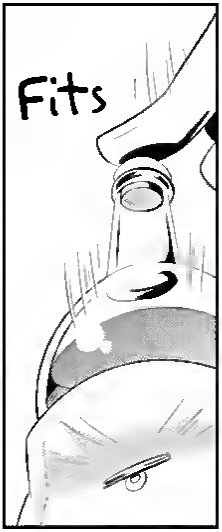
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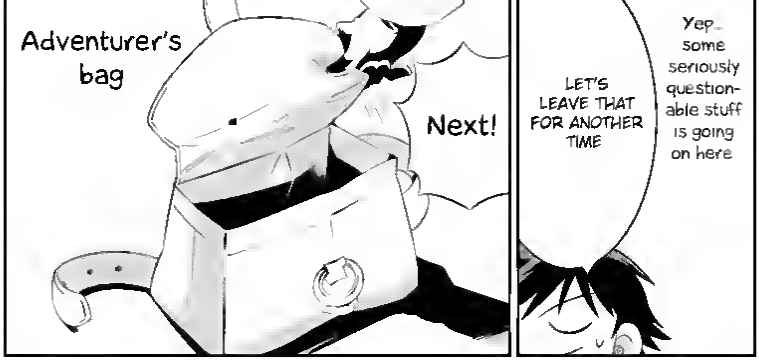
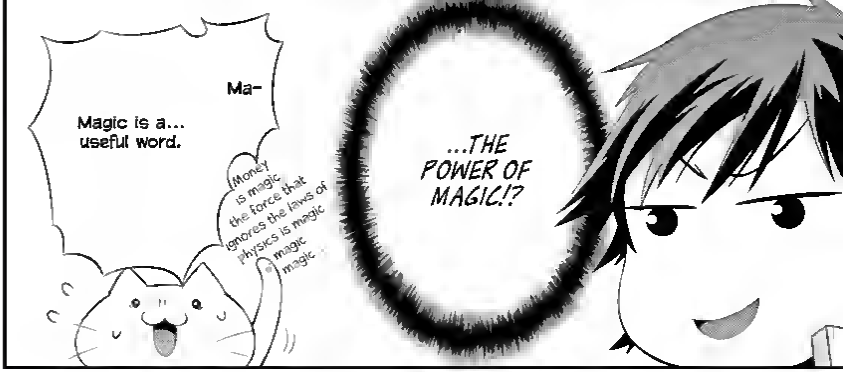
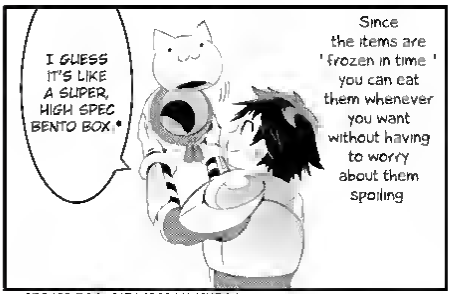
Let's put the healing pots and antidotes into the starting items pouch.
FIRST...


Adventurer's bag
Next!
LET'S LEAVE THAT FOR ANOTHER TIME
Yep... some seriously questionable stuff is going on here

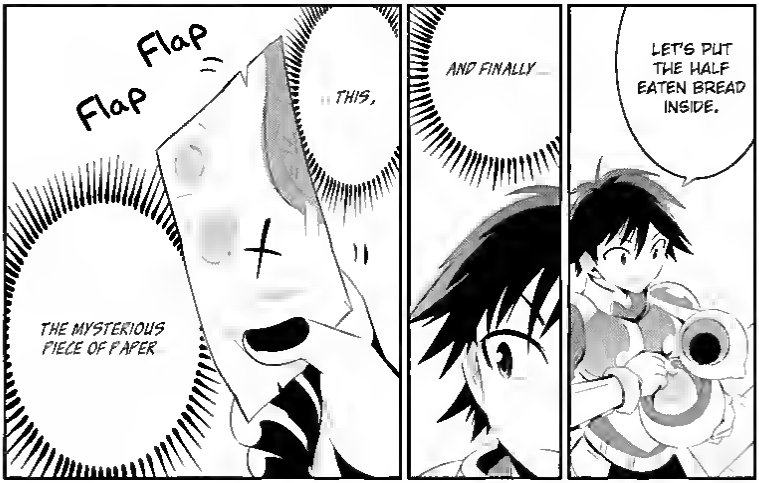
THE OLD ARMOR FROM BEFORE...
You can fit large items such as equipment in this.
Unlike the item pouch, which you can only put small consumables in,

IT'S COMPLETELY IGNORING THE LAW OF CONSERVATION MASS!
SERIOUSLY, HOW DOES THIS WORK?
It went inmnn-
※I wanted to do this
しゅぽーん
Sha-pow
This is also...
THE WEIGHT'S ALSO GONE.




I GUESS IT'S LIKE A SUPER, HIGH SPEC BENTO BOX.*
Since the items are 'frozen in time' you can eat them whenever you want without having to worry about them spoiling

*BENTO BOX: JAPANESE LUNCHBOX



throws
crumble crumble
LET'S TRY...
IN THE RECENT VERSIONS OF NEKOMI-MINEKO
YOU CAN'T THROW AWAY
KEY ITEMS THAT RELATE TO CLEARING A QUEST
turns

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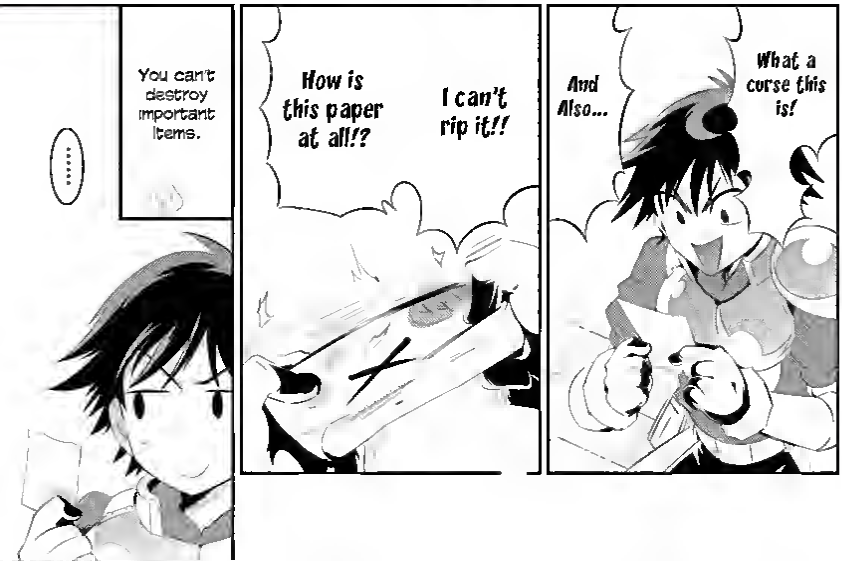
SFX: SLAP


You can't destroy important items.
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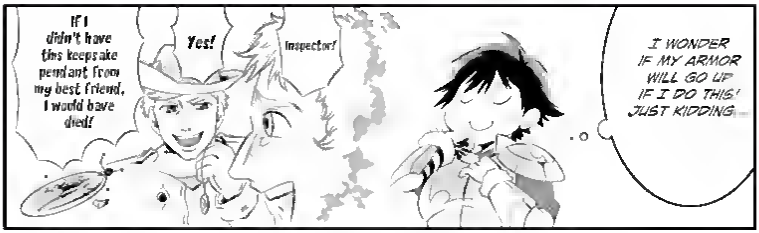
How is this paper at all!?
I can't rip it!!
And also...
What a curse this is!


If I didn't have this keepsake pendant from my best friend, I would have died!
Yes!
Inspector!
I WONDER IF MY ARMOR WILL GO UP IF I DO THIS! JUST KIDDING...

what's left is the essential...
I CURRENTLY HAVE THE BEST ARMOR AND THE BASIC ITEMS.
ALL RIGHT..

Besides...
HONESTLY, THEY DON'T SELL ANY GOOD WEAPONS HERE IN LAMRICK
I COULD'VE BOUGHT IT AT THE ARMORY BUT...

WEAPON!!

THERE IS. THAT!
THE ALMOST LEGENDARY UNIQUE WEAPON.

BASICALLY
OR MAYBE A JOKE FROM GOD...
DELIBERATE OR NOT
For me, the greatest overpowered weapon.
...It's a weapon with ridiculously broken stats.
...BECAUSE OF A DEVELOPER'S MISTAKE...
Large sword
Attack: 91
Weight: 8
Shiranui

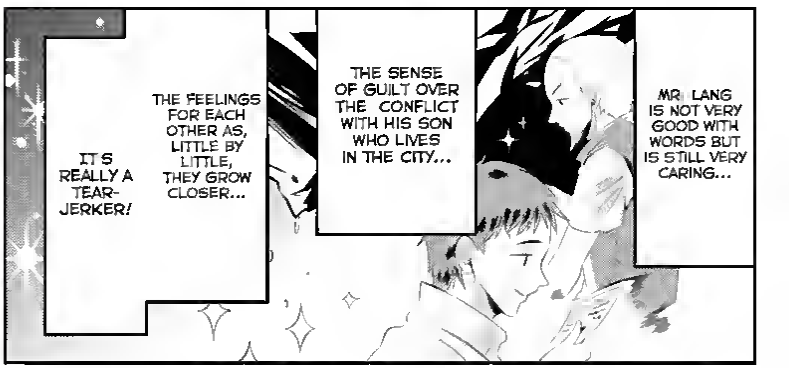
CITIZEN QUEST
ALTHOUGH MR. LANG WHO LIVES AT THE EDGE OF TOWN IS A QUIET MAN
HE WAS ONCE A RENOWNED ADVENTURER THAT USED TO TRAVEL AROUND THE KINGDOM.

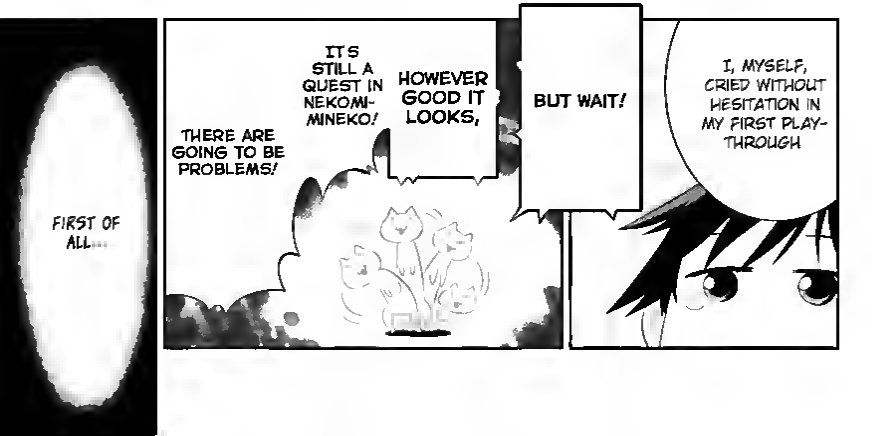
HE HAD ONE SON...
...WHO REBELLED AGAINST HIS STUBBORN FATHER
AND WENT TO LIVE IN THE BIG CITY.
A COUPLE OF DE-CADES
HAVE PASSED WITHOUT THEM SPEAKING TO EACH OTHER.

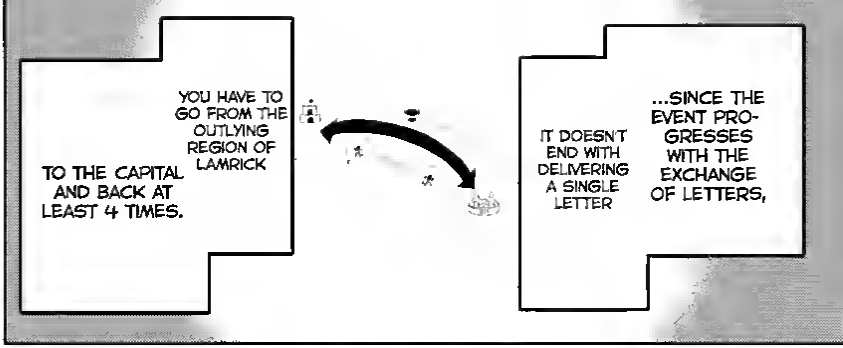
YOU BECOME FRIENDS WITH MR. LANG
AND RECEIVE A LETTER THAT EXPRESSES HIS FEELINGS TO HIS SON
HE WANTS YOU TO DELIVER THIS LETTER TO HIS SON WHO LIVES IN THE CAPITAL.
THE BOND OF PARENTHOOD HAS REMAINED FROZEN FOR SEVERAL DECADES.

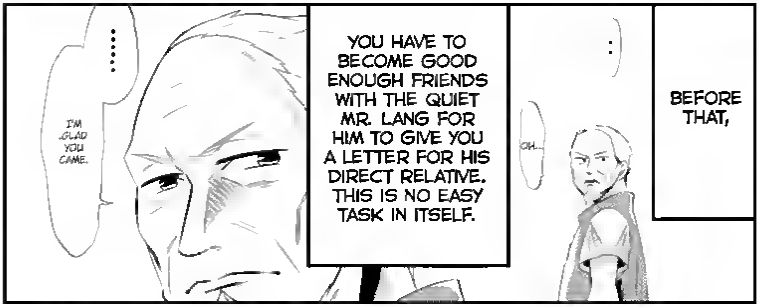
WHEN IT THAWS,
YOU WILL RECEIVE A BIG REWARD!
AND THAT REWARD IS
SHIRANUI!

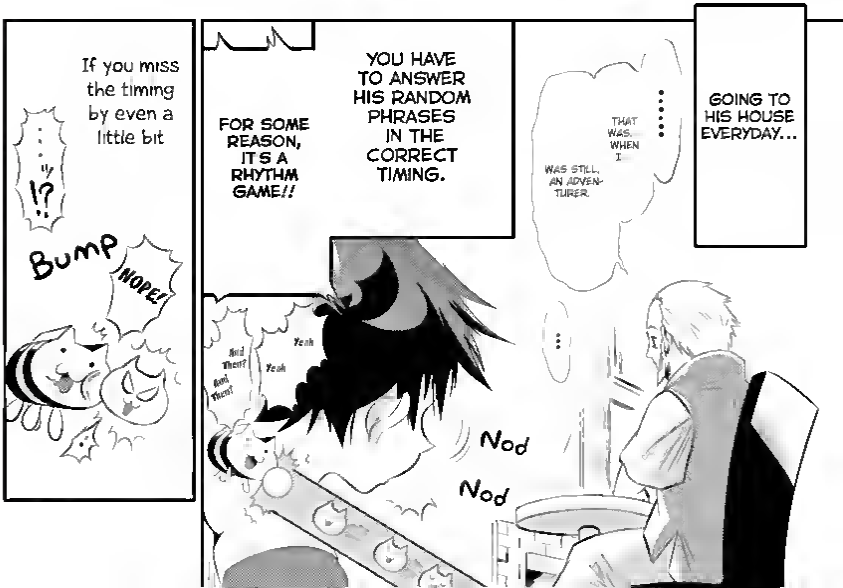
FOR A QUEST IN NEKOMIMINEKO, WHERE MOST THINGS ARE DONE IN BAD TASTE JUST TO PISS YOU OFF,
THE CONTENTS OF THIS LETTER QUEST ARE, FOR SOME REASON, VERY EMOTIONAL AND VERY WELL-MADE
IN FACT, IT'S REALLY DECENT!!
THE LAST GOOD-WILLED QUEST FROM THE STAFF...
THIS SENSE OF SECURITY IS INSANE


MR. LANG IS NOT VERY GOOD WITH WORDS BUT IS STILL VERY CARING...
THE SENSE OF GUILT OVER THE CONFLICT WITH HIS SON WHO LIVES IN THE CITY...
THE FEELINGS FOR EACH OTHER AS, LITTLE BY LITTLE, THEY GROW CLOSER...
IT'S REALLY A TEAR-JERKER!


I, MYSELF, CRIED WITHOUT HESITATION IN MY FIRST PLAY-THROUGH
BUT WAIT!
HOWEVER GOOD IT LOOKS,
IT'S STILL A QUEST IN NEKOMI-MINEKO!
THERE ARE GOING TO BE PROBLEMS!
FIRST OF ALL...


YOU HAVE TO GO FROM THE OUTLYING REGION OF LAMRICK
TO THE CAPITAL AND BACK AT LEAST 4 TIMES.
IT DOESN'T END WITH DELIVERING A SINGLE LETTER
...SINCE THE EVENT PROGRESSES WITH THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS,


I'M GLAD YOU CAME.
YOU HAVE TO BECOME GOOD ENOUGH FRIENDS WITH THE QUIET MR. LANG FOR HIM TO GIVE YOU A LETTER FOR HIS DIRECT RELATIVE. THIS IS NO EASY TASK IN ITSELF.
OH...
BEFORE THAT,

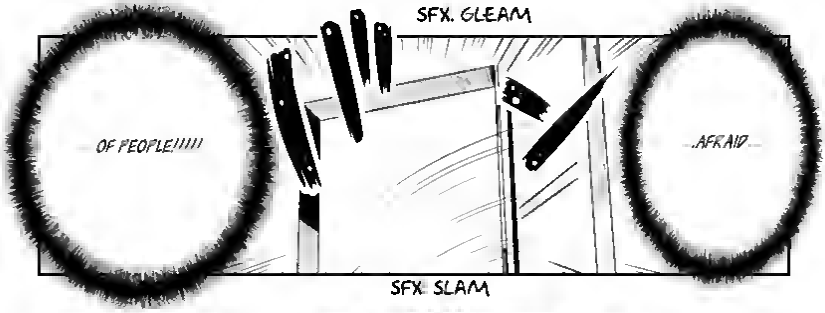

If you miss the timing by even a little bit
!?
Bump
NOPE!
FOR SOME REASON, IT'S A RHYTHM GAME!!
YOU HAVE TO ANSWER HIS RANDOM PHRASES IN THE CORRECT TIMING.
THAT WAS WHEN I WAS STILL AN ADVENTURER.
GOING TO HIS HOUSE EVERYDAY...
And Then?
Yeah
And Then?
Yeah
Nod
Nod

THE CONVER-SATION HALTS.
I'M SORRY CAN WE—
END HERE FOR TODAY
Shiranui is just lying there
IS WHAT HE TELLS YOU BEFORE DRIVING YOU OUT OF HIS HOME.
YOU CAN'T RESTART UNTIL 24 HOURS HAVE PASSED,
AND YOU HAVE TO RESTART FROM THE BEGIN-NING.
You can play again!
AFTER BEING WINNING FIVE ROUNDS OF THIS RHYTHM GAME...
AND AFTER FINISHING ALL THE LETTER EXCHANGES,
THIS IS WHAT I USED
BEFORE I RE-TIRED—
TAKE IT!
FINALLY HAPPENS.
.....
WHAT A PAIN.
BUT I WANT SHIRANUI.
SHIRANUI IS..

THE SWORD I USED THE MOST IN THE GAME.
I ABSO-LUTELY MUST HAVE THE REAL-LIFE ONE...
And for that..
With quiet Mr. Lang...
SFX: Footsteps
Mr. Lang's
.but...
I suck at nego-tiating!!
For Shiranui!
I'm a pathological loner!
Can I do it!?

SFX: STEP STEP

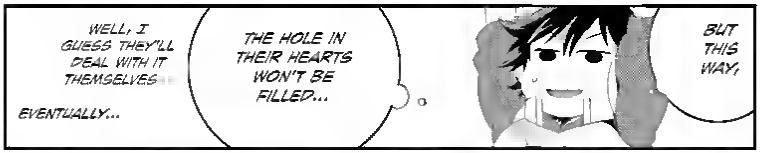
SFX. GLEAM

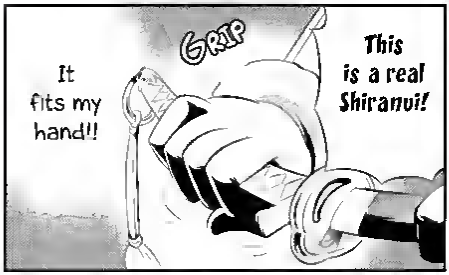


SFX. SLAM

EXCUUUUSE MEEEE, I HEARD THERE'S A FAMOUS SWORD HERE.
WOULD YOU SELL IT TO ME???
スリスリ
SFX Shiny
SFX STEP STEP
I have as much money...
キラ
キラ
...As you could want!!!!

I have obtained Shiranui!!!
YESSS-SSSSS.
FIVE MINUTES LATER.
HE SOLD IT EASILY.


WELL, I GUESS THEY'LL DEAL WITH IT THEMSELVES EVENTUALLY...
THE HOLE IN THEIR HEARTS WON'T BE FILLED...
BUT THIS WAY,

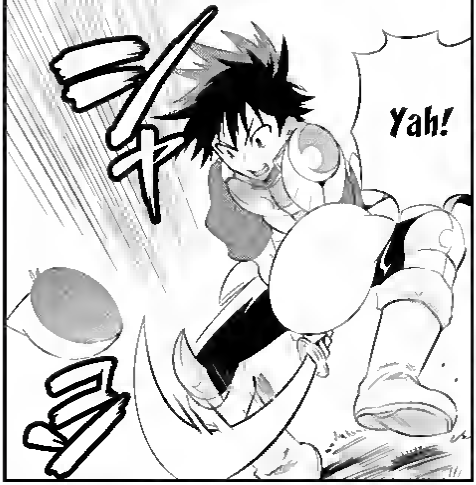

GRIP
It fits my hand!!
This is a real Shiranui!

BUT SERIOUSLY,
Isn't money great?!

SINCE I HAVE A WEAPON AND ARMOR,
IT'S MANLY TO WANT TO USE IT RIGHT AWAY
MAYBE IT'S TIME TO GO INTO COMBAT!

THE AREA SURROUNDING LAMRICK IS A NOOB AREA. LOW LEVEL MONSTERS SPAWN THERE.
Capital District
Beginner's Plain
Lamrick
IF YOU GO SOUTH FROM THERE, THERE'S A DANGEROUS AREA NAMED THE "SEALED LANDS" WHERE MONSTERS AROUND LEVEL 25 SPAWN.
OF COURSE, HIGHER LEVEL ENEMIES GIVE YOU MORE EXPERIENCE.
Scaled Lands
I GUESS I'LL GO STEADILY SOUTH.
APPEARING
!
IF I RECALL, THIS IS THE SPAWN POINT
LAND
SHHWWWW
THERE YOU ARE, MY FIRST REAL MONSTERS!

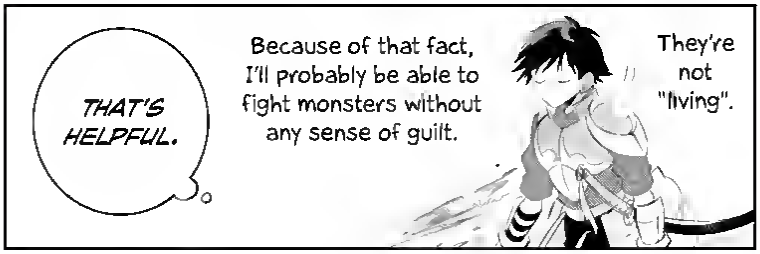
Grrr
Grrr
Rural Slime!
Ugly Rural Slime!
Lv:3
Lv:1
Woah!
Jumps
POKKYA PAAAAAA BABAA
HUH?
Cuts
Away
Flys

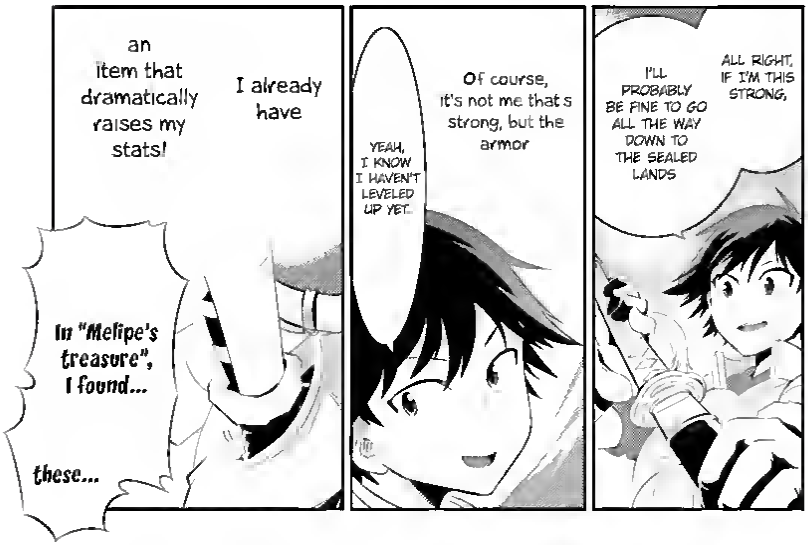


SFX: SLASH

SFX: THWAM

IF I RECALL CORRECTLY, THE MONSTERS IN NEKOMOMINEKO ARE SUPPOSED TO BE "AN AGGREGATION OF AN EVIL GOD'S MAGIC".
AGAIN "MAGIC"... WHAT IS MAGIC?
MA MAGIC IS (REDACTED)
MAGIC


They're not "living".
Because of that fact, I'll probably be able to fight monsters without any sense of guilt.
THAT'S HELPFUL.

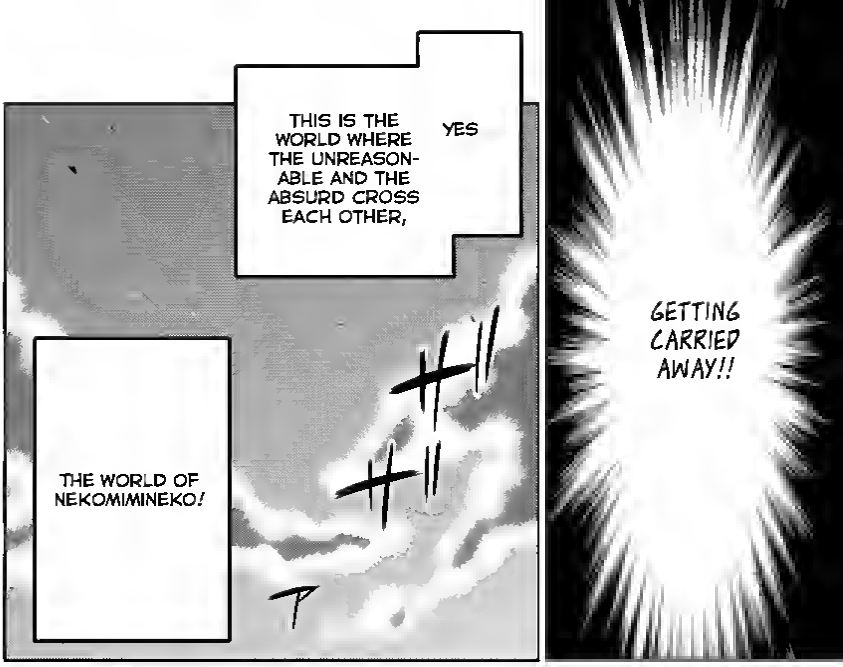

ALL RIGHT, IF I'M THIS STRONG,
I'LL PROBABLY BE FINE TO GO ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE SEALED LANDS
Of course, it's not me that's strong, but the armor
YEAH, I KNOW I HAVEN'T LEVELED UP YET.
I already have an item that dramatically raises my stats!
In "Melipe's treasure", I found... these...

Wears
...AND A RING OF REGENERATION.
...A RING OF INCREASED STAMINA...
I feel it flowing!
Here it is!
Ohhh
Ooah
GOD SPEED STEP SKILL
...USING THE...
I'LL GO STRAIGHT SOUTH FROM HERE...

Sealed Lands
GYAAVUU VUAAAA
BLAARGH
Lv24
RED CAPPED GOBLIN
GAAHHH
GRRR
SFX: Bam

NO
SLASH
PROBLEM
SFX: SWIIISH
Strong!
SINCE MY STAMINA HAS INCREASED, I CAN NOW USE STECANSLASH REPEATEDLY.
THE MOBILITY OF THE GODSPEED STEP...
AND MOST IMPORTANTLY...
...THE EXQUISITE SHARPNESS OF SHIRANUI.
Unbelievably...

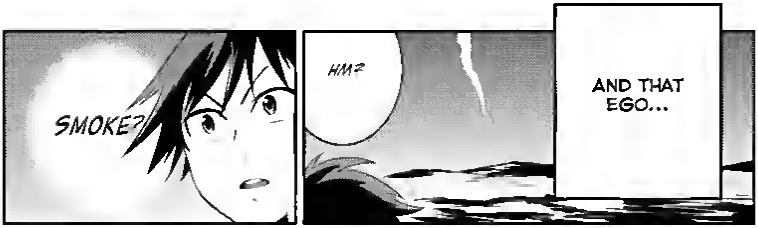
NOT A SINGLE WOUND REACHES ME!!
There's nothing to make me lose!!
Yeah!
Bring it on, damn goblins!!!
My level keeps rising!
I can feel myself becoming stronger!
I WAS COMPLETELY...


THIS IS THE WORLD WHERE THE UNREASONABLE AND THE ABSURD CROSS EACH OTHER,
YES
THE WORLD OF NEKOMIMINEKO!
GETTING CARRIED AWAY!!

HOWEVER STRONG YOU ARE, HOWEVER AGILE YOU ARE...

...IT WILL COMPLETELY OBLITERATE YOU.
THAT'S NEKOMIMINEKO!

"DON'T GET CONCEITED!"
THAT IS WHAT I ALWAYS TOLD MYSELF.
ONLY THIS TIME, I COMPLETELY FORGOT...
I'm not done yet.


SMOKE?
HM?
AND THAT EGO...

I SUMMONED IT!
Nooooooo!
...!
NO...NO WAY...

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